

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 263 - HB 293**

February 19, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes same day voting registration on Election Day.  
Requires individuals to provide proof of residence upon registering to vote.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures –**

**\$165,400/FY15-16 and every four years thereafter**

**Increase Local Expenditures –**

**Up to \$165,400/FY13-14 and every four years thereafter\***

**\$330,700/FY14-15 and every two years thereafter\***

**Assumptions:**

- Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution of Tennessee requires voters to be registered for a period of time prior to Election Day.
- According to the State Coordinator of Elections, permitting voters to register to vote and to cast a ballot on Election Day will necessitate the hiring of an additional poll worker per polling location.
- There are 2,067 polling locations throughout the state as of November 2012.
- According to the Secretary of State, the cost of each election official is \$80.
- In FY15-16, the only election held will be the Presidential Preference Primary, the increase in state expenditures will be \$165,360 (2,067 x \$80). The county primary will be held with the Presidential Preference Primary; therefore, the state will pay for holding this election. This expenditure will be incurred every four years thereafter.
- In FY13-14, up to 95 counties will hold county primary elections; the increase in local expenditures for the May county primary election will be up to \$165,360 (2,067 x \$80). This expenditure will be incurred every four years thereafter.
- In FY14-15 the increase in local expenditures will be \$330,700. This is based on the cost of \$165,360 per election for two elections (August and November). This expenditure will be incurred every two years thereafter.

*\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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